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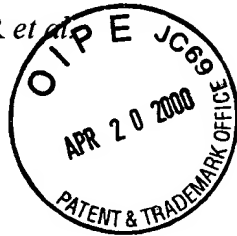
In re application of:

CARL A. WALDSPURGER *et al.*

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STATEMENT REGARDING COMMONLY ASSIGNED APPLICATIONS

Sir:

Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the claims of the applications listed below, which are assigned to Digital Equipment Corporation, the assignee of this application. This statement is intended to allow the Examiner to determine the appropriateness of a provisional rejection and is not an admission that a provisional rejection in this application is appropriate in view of the cited commonly assigned applications. Applicants reserve the right to dispute any provisional rejection.

The commonly assigned applications are:

1. S/N: 08/979,033 Filing Date: 11-26-97 Entitled: Apparatus for Sampling Instruction Execution Information in a Processor Pipeline
2. S/N: 08/979,034 Filing Date: 11-26-97 Entitled: Method for Guiding Virtual-to-Physical Mapping Policies in a Computer Operating System
3. S/N: 08/980,170 Filing Date: 11-26-97 Entitled: Apparatus for Sampling Path History in a Processor Pipeline

4. S/N: 08/980,166 Filing Date: 11-26-97 Entitled: Method for Estimating Execution Rates of Program Execution Paths
5. S/N: 08/980,035 Filing Date: 11-26-97 Entitled: Method for Scheduling Instructions Processed by a Computer System
6. S/N: 08/980,160 Filing Date: 11-26-97 Entitled: Apparatus for Sampling Multiple Potentially Concurrent Instructions in a Processor Pipeline
7. S/N: 08/977,438 Filing Date: 11-26-97 Entitled: Apparatus for Determining the Instantaneous Average Number of Instructions Processed
8. S/N: 08/815,982 Filing Date: 3-10-97 Entitled: Processor Performance Counter for Sampling the Execution Frequency of Individual Instructions

Assignee: Digital Equipment Corporation

Respectfully submitted,

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